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CREDITON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1944.

To

The Chairman and Members of the CREDITON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1944.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health, for the Year 1944.

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Area - 93,370 acres.

Estimated population, 9,600 in 1944 (Excluding evacuees)
" " 9,530 in 1943 (" ")
" " 9,358 in 1939 (" ")
" " 10,081 in 1931

Number of Inhabited Houses, 2,960.

Rateable Value, £27,025. Product of 1d. Rate - £125. 15. 6.

District - Agricultural.

1 Milk Factory; 1 small Manure Factory; 1 small Fruit Pulping Factory.

Live Births:- Legitimate; Males 46. Females 63. Total 109.

" " Illegitimate; Males 1. Females 2. Total 3

Rate per 1,000 estimated population - 11.7

Deaths:- Males 56. Females 56. Total 112.

Rate per 1,000 population, 11.7 in 1944.
" " " " 8.8 in 1943.
" " " " 9.8 in 1942.

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis - 0.

Deaths from other Puerperal Causes - 0.

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age:- Legitimate / Illegitimate } 5.

Deaths from Cancer - 7.

" " Measles - 0.

" " Whooping Cough - 0.

" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) - 0.

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Hospital and Nursing Arrangements.

There has been no change in the Ambulance, Hospital and Clinic Services in the District. These and the Laboratory facilities are satisfactory.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA.

Water.

Supplies in many parts of the District were again insufficient in the summer.

Drainage.

No new drainage works have been carried out.

Housing.

The erection of houses has been at a standstill, except for the Government war-time programme. Only very slight repair work has been done and the majority of the rural cottages, already old, are rapidly deteriorating owing to the long period of enforced neglect.

Under the Government's War-time Programme eight cottages were allocated to the District. Four of these cottages have been completed and work is in progress on the remainder.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Premises used for the production of food have been inspected and action taken where necessary.

Refuse Collection.

As reported last year, refuse is collected in a few of the larger villages only. Arrangements are being made to acquire a central dump and for periodic collections throughout the District.

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Enteric Fever	0	0	0
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Erysipelas	1	0	0

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5 cases were notified during the year. They were removed to Hospital and all recovered. The immunisation of children has been continued on a systematic basis in co-operation with the General Practitioners. Approximately 95% of the children in the District have been immunised.

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